

**VILLA'S POWER
THREATENS TO
DELAY PEACE****Alarming Strength of New
Revolution Develops An-
other Crisis with Mexico.**

The growing strength of the Villa revolution is creating a new condition that threatens to upset all peace plans of President Wilson and Gen. Carranza and precipitate a crisis more serious than any yet faced with Mexico.

With a new revolutionary movement menacing Carranza in Northern Mexico the situation the United States faces was outlined in official circles today as follows:

First, when the Pershing expedition was ordered into Mexico to "get Villa" the latter had a force of 150 bandits. He is now reported heading a force of 8,000 revolutionists, and the administration faces the necessity either of giving up its campaign against Villa or expanding a bandit chase into war on revolutionists.

Second, if the United States aids Carranza in suppressing Villa it will be placed in the position of sending an army into a neighboring state to aid one faction of Mexicans. This might unite the Mexican factions in a war to drive the Americans out.

There were strong evidences last night that the United States troops would be withdrawn. It was learned that President Wilson is determined not to have war or further armed clashes between the American and Mexican forces, and the troops are being withdrawn from Mexico as rapidly as possible without giving the appearance of a force evacuation under pressure.

Chihuahua, Mex. (Via El Paso), July 18.—The main band of Villistas has crossed the Durango line in their flight before Carranza's, according to a message received by Gen. Trevino.

Unexpected difficulties concerning the preliminary details of the Mexican negotiations necessitated a late conference at the White House last night between President Wilson and Acting Secretary of State Polk.

**HUGHES WORKS
FOR HARMONY****Calls Progressive Leader of
Massachusetts Into Politi-
cal Conference.**

Bridgewater, N. Y., July 18.—Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee for President, tonight summoned Charles Sumner Bird, the former Progressive leader in Massachusetts, to a conference at the Hotel Astor in New York tomorrow night in connection with the general effort to smooth out differences between Republicans and the Progressives.

Mr. Hughes announced today that he is deeply interested in these fights this year and regards it as most important that the next Congress shall be Republican in both branches if he is elected to the Presidency.

Constructive legislation of a high order will be needed, he said, and he believes as strong an appeal should be made to the people in the coming campaign for the election of Republican Senators and Representatives as for the election of the head of the ticket.

**BURNED TO DEATH ON
EVE OF HIS WEDDING**

Special to The Washington Herald.
New York, July 18.—Almost on the eve of his marriage, Joseph Bransfield, 33 years old, 325 Belgrade street, had his clothing ignited at his place of employment, and died early this morning in the Samaritan Hospital as the result of the burns he sustained. At his bedside when he expired was Miss Julia Deufel, to whom he was betrothed. Nurses and hospital attendants made every effort to comfort the heart-broken girl. The young woman became hysterical and needed the attention of the physicians who had battled for five hours to save the life of her fiancé.

**SWALLOWS A DIAMOND;
REIMBURSED BY LLOYDS**

Special to The Washington Herald.
Chicago, July 18.—A draft for \$80.35 was received yesterday by Abraham Jacobson, a jeweler, in the Heyworth Building, in payment for a diamond he swallowed three months ago while he was showing it to a prospective customer.

The draft came from Lloyds, of London, who had insured Jacobson against loss by accident. According to the jeweler, he had picked up the stone with a pair of tweezers and was holding it to his mouth to breathe on it to make it sparkle. There was a sharp click and it disappeared. The payment was for the cost price of the stone, which weighed three-quarters of a karat.

Settling Strike in Spain.

Madrid, July 18.—Rapid progress is being made toward a settlement of the railway and mining strike throughout Spain as the result of arbitration measures urged by King Alfonso. It is believed that the men will return to work shortly.

**Soldiers of Kaiser
Expect Peace Soon**

By PHILIP GIBBS.
(International News Service.)

With the British Armies in France, via London, July 18.—Quite a number of German prisoners told me that their people were sure this war would be over in August or September. They had been promised that.

"Do you think you are winning?" I asked a man of real intelligence.

"We thought so," he answered, "and now," he raised his hands and shrugged his shoulders, "the English are stronger than we believed."

German soldiers do not want the war to go on; they have a great craving for peace. They want to see their wives and children again. One strain of doubt that creeps out in their talk is the suggestion that they fight, not as free men desiring to fight, but compelled to fight by higher powers, against whom they cannot rebel.

**DEMOCRATS IN
CAMPAIGN ROW****Wilson Halts National Com-
mittee Work Until Party
Squabbles Are Settled.**

(By the International News Service.)

New York, July 18.—Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, who visited President Wilson at the White House, came here today and with his coming campaign work at the Democratic headquarters was brought almost to a complete standstill on what are understood to be orders from the President.

It became known today that President Wilson, has given, in effect, the following orders to his campaign managers:

First—That the Democratic National Committee selections shall not be made public until after Charles E. Hughes has received formal notification of his nomination.

Second—That the Democratic notification ceremonies shall be held up until after Congress adjourns.

Chairman McCormick today denied reports that there is friction over the choice of the campaign committees. But it was asserted, almost at his elbow, that the failure to name them was really due to protests in several States against naming progressives to important places.

**SHOOTS MAN
GIRL ACCUSED****Boston Physician Seeks Re-
venge After Fiancee
Dies in Arms.**

(By the International News Service.)

Boston, July 18.—With Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, lying dangerously wounded in the City Hospital, Dr. El-dredge D. Attwood, a young Woburn osteopath has confessed that he shot and attempted to murder Harris in the Hotel Westminster this afternoon. Attwood had just left the woman he was to marry, Dr. Cella P. Adams, of Brookline, and learned from her lips before she died in his arms, a probable suicide, that the college president had betrayed her. Attwood is locked up on the charge of attempted murder and the girl's body is in the morgue.

It was commonly reported tonight that she poisoned herself by taking morphine. Dr. Attwood, who escaped after the shooting was arrested in the office of his fiancée, 1115 Beacon street, Coolidge Corner, Brookline, in the act of drawing a revolver upon his sweetheart's brother, Winthrop Adams.

A moment more and another tragedy might have been enacted.

ESCAPED CONVICT CAUGHT.**Man Who Killed Jersey Jailor Is
Found in Pennsylvania.**

Camden, N. J., July 18.—The police of this city were notified today by the police of Chester, Pa., that William C. Ashbridge, who escaped from the Camden County Court House last night in company with George C. Thompson, after killing a jailor and seriously wounding another, had been captured in a hotel at Chester.

FOUR DIE FROM LANDSLIDE.**Mother and Child Succumb to In-
juries in Home.**

Brevard, N. C., July 18.—John Heath and his mother and Mrs. Caldwell Sautelle and child died today from injuries sustained when their homes were buried in a landslide a mile from here last night.

Appointed Publicity Man.

John E. Monk, local newspaper man, was appointed assistant to Chairman Wilcox, of the National Republican committee yesterday. He will be his personal assistant, and relieve him of all routine possible.

**IMMORALITY RIFE
AT ELLIS ISLAND,
BENNET CHARGES****New York Representative
Bitterly Scores Conditions
at Immigrant Station.**

Startling charges against Frederick C. Howe, Commissioner of Immigration at New York, were made in the House yesterday by Representative William S. Bennett, Republican, of that city, who alleged that gross immorality exists at the Ellis Island immigrant station and that Mr. Howe "is the most negligent commissioner we have ever had."

Mr. Bennett alleged, among other things, that "in the past two years he (Howe) has recommended to the department that these individuals be admitted on bond, which simply means a license to proceed wherever they will to practice their vocation."

Mr. Bennett's speech at one point was so critical of Mr. Howe that Representative Cox, of Indiana, interjected the statement that he was indicting the commissioner with a serious moral crime.

Representative Bennett charged that although some of the past evils at Ellis Island have been corrected as the result of efforts of a matron, the conditions still existing there "will be far more harmful to the city of New York, if they continue, than the scourge of infantile paralysis."

Men and women are permitted to mingle indiscriminately in recreation grounds established by Commissioner Howe, Mr. Bennett charged, and he asserted that a night watchman had reported a flagrant case of immorality.

"A half baked radical, with free love ideas," was one of the terms used by Mr. Bennett in referring to Commissioner Howe.

**DROWNED IN
TIDAL BASIN****Carl Gilbert Attempts Long
Swim and Perishes as
Result.**

When his three companions said they were going to swim across the Tidal Basin at about 6 o'clock, Carl Gilbert thought he could accomplish the same feat. They advised him to wait for them on the float, and plunged into the water. When they returned Gilbert was not to be seen. His body was later found by the harbor police.

When Gilbert could not be found, his three companions failed to notify the police, but went to his home.

The police found Gilbert's clothes in Well's boathouse in Potomac Park near the basin. The police boat dragged the waters. The body, then unidentified, was soon found. His three companions later identified the body at the morgue.

Gilbert was 30 years old, lived at the La Grande apartment house, and was a clerk with the American Federation of Labor.

FROG ALARMS AMAZONS.**Woman Camper Thought It Was
Wild Beast.**

Monticello, N. Y., July 18.—Yesterday was a most active and busy day at the Women's Military Camp and the Boys' Military Camp at Birchwoods, Sullivan County.

A large bullfrog threw consternation into the women's camp last night. It perched itself upon a stump near the tent of one of the new arrivals and sent forth several deep notes of greeting. The woman soldier-to-be never had heard a frog before and mistook it for the cry of a wild animal of the forest. She aroused the whole camp.

CLOAK MODEL ENDS LIFE.**Dead in Gas Filled Room, Towel
About Head.**

New York, July 18.—Betty Mallory, 28, a cloak model who had been out of work since the strike in the cloak and suit industry began, was found dead late yesterday afternoon near a partly emptied bottle of iodine in her gas-filled room. Her body was found about 5:30 p. m. lying on the bed with a towel about the head. A gas fixture was open and the woman's lips were stained with the iodine.

A. O. H. Convention Opens.

Boston, July 18.—Fifteen hundred delegates from the United States and Canada today attended solemn high mass in the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, which marked formal opening of the biennial convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and ladies' auxiliary.

U-Boats Sink Three More Ships.

London, July 18.—Lloyds reports the British steamship Euphorbia, the Italian steamship Sirra, and the steamship Virginia (probably British) have been sunk. The Euphorbia was of 3,337 and the Virginia 4,373 tons.

Tin Plate Company Raises Wages.

Sharon, July 18.—Official notice was received here today for a further raise in wages of tonnage men employed by the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, making a total increase for the year of 10 per cent.

**BAY STATE GUARDSMEN
IN FIGHT WITH MEXICANS**

(By the International News Service.)

El Paso, July 18.—Carranza troops engaged a detachment of the Ninth Massachusetts Infantry in a sharp skirmish fight on the border, here today. One of the Mexicans was believed killed in the action.

More than 100 shots were exchanged. The Guardsmen held their position forcing the Mexicans finally to retreat. No casualties were sustained on the American side.

An unofficial report of the fighting follows:

"Company I, Ninth Massachusetts Infantry, Capt. James F. Hickey, commanding, was on outpost duty along the grade at Camp Cotton. Directly across the river, near the Mexican wireless station, an unusually heavy detachment of Carranza troops was formed. Without provocation, the report declared, the Mexicans suddenly began firing at the American outposts. At Capt. Hickey's order his company fell to the ground and began returning the fire. One of the Mexican troops suddenly dropped. His comrades lifted him and rushed out of sight towards Juarez."

Company I continued its outpost duty.

**DEAD BODY IS FOUND
IN HOLD OF FRUITER**

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, July 18.—The body of an unidentified man, believed by the police to have been a stowaway, was found in the hold of the steamship Calamaries, of the United Fruit Line, here today.

Dr. Hatley, of the United Fruit Company's medical staff, who examined the body, said the man apparently had been dead about twenty-four hours. He added that there was "nothing suspicious" about the case.

The victim seemed to have been about fifty years old, and was five feet eight inches tall.

**"NOT DOOMED TO LOSE,"
KAISER TELLS AMERICAN**

(By the International News Service.)

New York, July 18.—"Such people as my people are not doomed to lose—they are made for victory."

This was the optimistic statement made by Emperor William to Judge Alfred K. Nippert, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who returned from Europe today. As president of the American Association for the Relief of East Prussia, Judge Nippert went to Germany to distribute \$75,000, collected here.

The judge found the Kaiser on the eastern front. The German ruler was tanned and very gray, but his health seemed excellent.

**FORGIVES RUNAWAY
PASTOR; HOME AGAIN**

(By the International News Service.)

Monroeville, N. J., July 18.—The Rev. Lewis H. Joslin, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church here, who disappeared a week ago, has returned home.

He got back home Sunday night, according to his wife, and is in a nervous condition. She has forgiven him and declared today that Miss Nettie Lafferty, who vanished at the same time, was not with her husband at any time. She said he had only gone away because of being overworked.

**WAR BOOSTS LIVING IN
ENGLAND 61 PER CENT**

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, July 18.—With food prices on an average of 61 per cent higher than before the war, it is not without reason that the American colony in Great Britain is now smaller than at any previous time since hostilities began.

Many American merchants and representatives of American interests in this country have sent their families to the United States, particularly in the last three months. Many of these men have to pay income tax there as well as here.

**KILLS WIFE AND SELF
BEFORE NINE CHILDREN**

Special to The Washington Herald.

Harrisburg, July 18.—James Shultz, a farmer of Cross Roads, near Mifflin, shot and killed his wife and himself in the presence of their nine children. The children ran to the homes of neighbors after the tragedy.

Shultz had accused his wife of various offenses, according to reports received here.

RAN DOWN A SUBMARINE.

Story of Adventure Comes With
Tanker Lecoq.

New York, July 18.—The tank steamship Lecoq is anchored off Stapleton today attracting unusual interest because of a report that she sank a submarine in the Mediterranean on the way over. Nobody aboard would talk without the captain's permission, and he was ashore.

The report is she sighted the submarine June 15, the day after she left Marseilles. It opened fire and she rammed and sank it. The nationality of the undersea craft was not disclosed.

James H. Moore Dead.

Lake Geneva, Wis., July 18.—James Hobart Moore died here today. Moore and his brother, William H., a lawyer, headed a group of great corporations known as the "Moore group."

The Moores at one time controlled the Diamond Match Company and the Rock Island Railroad, among other properties.

**WILSON READY
TO RENEW HIS
PEACE OFFERS****Success of Allied Drive Ex-
pected to Decide Na-
ture of Effort.**

President Wilson will take advantage of the first opportunity for renewing his peace overtures to the European belligerents.

There is a feeling in official circles here that the present general offensive of the allies on all fronts will decide whether peace may be expected soon. It is believed that if Germany continues to give way before the British and French advance, and invasion of her own territory is threatened, she will invite the United States to move for peace.

If the results accomplished by the allies' offensive fall short of their expectations and indicate years must be devoted to the task of crushing their enemies, it is believed they will consider peace.

American ambassadors in Europe have been instructed to watch all developments looking to peace parleys. Thomas Nelson Page, Ambassador to Italy, is believed to have returned to Rome with definite ideas of President Wilson's expected action in renewing his tender of friendly offices.

David R. Francis, the new Ambassador to Russia, also is understood to be working toward peace overtures under instructions from the White House. It was intimated today that Mr. Francis is prosecuting the President's peace designs, as suggested by Col. E. M. House, the President's personal adviser.

**FLOOD FALLING
SAYS HARRISON****Conditions Greatly Exagger-
ated, Southern Railroad
President Announces.**

Referring to flood conditions in the South, President Harrison, of the Southern Railway Company, said today:

"While we have been hard hit by the floods, especially on the Catawba River and in the western North Carolina Mountains, the first reports of damage are greatly exaggerated. Water is falling everywhere today. We have assembled large forces of men and ample supplies everywhere there has been trouble and have already begun the work of repair of our lines, which will be pushed through promptly."

"It is as yet impossible to estimate time or cost involved, but the real difference between this flood and previous ones in the same territory is that it has hit us in more places at once and we are better prepared to restore normal conditions."

AT 71 SEES FIRST TRAIN.

Georgia Woman Expressed No De-
sire for Railroad Ride.

Toccoa, Ga., July 18.—Tarp Keeler, a teacher in Banks County, Georgia, brought his aunt, Mrs. Lucy Miller, who resides in Franklin County, to Toccoa in a motor car recently.

Mrs. Miller has made her home in Franklin County since her birth, 71 years ago, and not until the trip had she seen a railroad train.

Mrs. Miller was delightfully surprised, but did not express any desire to experience a ride. Upon being asked what she thought of a railroad train she replied that it certainly was grand, but she had always supposed that the train ran in a groove and not on steel tracks.

EARTHQUAKE IN FIUME.

Great Damage Done in This Adriatic
Town.

London, July 18.—A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says great damage has been caused by an earthquake in the region of Fiume, Austria, and a terrible panic was caused.

GOT JOHN D.'S ROLL.

Real Money "Snatched" From Oil
King On Own Golf Links.

Cleveland, July 18.—John D. Rockefeller, the world's richest man, put his hand in his pocket. It was empty. John D. didn't have a cent. He had been "robbed."

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Mother, Brother, Kills Self.

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Baltimore and Ohio every Friday and Saturday until September 8.—Adv.

**King George Thanks
Army for Victories**

(By International News Service.)

London, July 18.—King George today sent the following telegram to Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, British commander in France:

"The continued successful advance of my troops fills me with admiration. I send my best wishes to all ranks."

"The Emperor of Russia asked me to convey his warm congratulations to the troops upon the great victory they have achieved."

(Signed)

"GEORGE, R. I."

Gen. Haig replied:

"The British armies in France offer Your Majesty their most respectful grateful thanks of this further mark of Your Majesty's gracious appreciation of what they have accomplished. They also respectfully beg that their grateful acknowledgements may be conveyed to the Emperor of Russia for His Majesty's congratulations."

**MUST PREPARE
AGAINST JAPS****Senator Phelan Believes Yel-
low Peril Is Serious Menace
on the Pacific.**

Senator James D. Phelan, of California, had something to say in the Senate yesterday on the so-called Japanese peril. He was advocating a big navy for the Pacific.

"Hawaii," said he, "is a strategic point which we cannot surrender and already there is a vast preponderance of foreign population. Only by reason of that flag might it be called an American possession at all because of the vast population of a foreign people."

Recently Prince Okuma, the prime minister of Japan, spoke with the greatest solicitude for the people of Japan living in that island and on the Pacific Coast, asserting the right of his country under all circumstances to protect and to guard them.

"What is meant by that? Merely the assertion of a right at any time, on a moment's notice, just as this power struck at Port Arthur without notice."

"I have no doubt that Japan will be one of the great powers in the Pacific some day, and if the greatest it will be when the United States fails to realize the importance of protecting itself."

"Our troops, few as they are, are on the border. Our Pacific Ocean is today undefended. As Admiral Winslow says, one enemy warship could rout this so-called fleet. So there can be no question at all in my mind, familiar with the situation as I am, living upon the coast, of the danger that confronts us, and secondly, of the necessity of having our coast defenses there, not here."

MASTER'S TEARS SAVE DOG.

Would Rather Be Shot Than Lose
Puppy.

New York, July 18.—The death sentence passed Monday on Bugs, a little fox terrier puppy owned by Antonio Dangrello, of Passaic, N. J., was commuted by Judge Costello when his master's tears proved more powerful than the law.

Bugs had scratched a 6-year-old lad who lived in his neighborhood, and he and Dangrello appeared yesterday morning to answer for the assault.

"We'll have to shoot that dog," Judge Costello announced.

Tears rushed to Dangrello's eyes and his lips quivered.

"Bugs is nothing but a puppy and I love him," he said. "I'd rather you'd shoot me than him."

Bugs left the courtroom with his little black nose stuck guiltily up in his happy master's sleeve.

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**GERMANS STRIKE
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LOST TRENCHES****Poison Fumes Shroud Hand-
to-Hand Fighting by
Night.**

(By the International News Service.)

London, July 18.—A furious battle is raging tonight on a front of more than two miles around the ruined village of Longueval and in the shell-swept Delville Woods, north of the Somme. The Germans are striking heavy blows at the new British front in an effort to recapture the village and forest.

The first German attack was launched just as night was falling after a day of wind and rain.

Late in the afternoon the heavy guns posted on the German front line, east of Longueval, opened fire on the British lines. High explosive shells rained down on the trenches. In addition, the wind carried great clouds of noxious gas and then the Germans advanced to the attack.

Hand-to-hand fighting developed early all along the front of attack and it still being waged with great fury, according to a report sent to the war office at a late hour by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig.

The strategy of Haig, according to correspondents at the front, now is being concentrated in efforts to widen the four-mile gap cut in the Teuton front north of the Somme. The English commander is widening and deepening the Albert salient and every gain made by the British in the last